

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, line 20-page 17, line 3, as follows:

In the spacer assembly 22 formed in this manner, as shown in FIG. 4, the thickness  $t$  of the grid 24 is 0.12 mm, and each first spacer 30a is formed so that the diameter of its proximal end on the side of the grid 24, the diameter of its extended end, and its height  $h_1$  are about 0.4 mm, 0.3 mm, and 0.4 mm, respectively. Each second spacer 30b is formed so that the diameter of its proximal end on the side of the grid 24, the diameter of its extended end, and its height  $h_2$  are about 0.4 mm, 0.25 mm, and 1.0 mm, respectively.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 4-17, as follows:

Subsequently, that part of the spacer assembly 22 which corresponds to the second spacers 30b is immersed in a coating fluid 46 in a polypropylene vessel ~~46~~ 44, as shown in FIG. 5. The liquid in which tin oxide and antimony oxide particulates are dispersed is used as the coating fluid 46. After the spacer assembly 22 is drawn out of the vessel 46, it is dried and burned, whereupon a high-resistance film is formed on the surface of each second spacer 30b. Thus, in the spacer assembly 22, the surface resistance of the second spacers 30b is lower than the surface resistance of the first spacers 30a, and is set to  $E + 8$  to  $+ 9 \Omega/\square$ , for example. The spacer assembly 22 is completed by these processes.